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Lago Sport Park To Open March 9

New Playing Field Sponsored By Company Open to All Employees

Facilities Will be Extended Gradually as Need is Shown

The Lago Sport Park, dedicated to the use of all employees, will be officially opened Sunday, March 9, with events in which employees, members of the government, and management representatives will take part.

The program will get under way at 3 p.m., when a parade will form at the Watching Office. Among those who will participate will be Lt. Governor I. Wagemaker, President G. W. Gordon, General Manager L. G. Smith, a detachment of Netherlands Marines, the two football teams which will play the opening game, the Lago Sport Park Committee, a detachment from the Watching department, and various sports teams in uniform. The parade will march through San Nicolas to the park, which is situated 300 yards northeast of the Catholic church.

An appropriate flag-raising ceremony will take place on arrival, followed by the official dedication of the field, during which speeches by L. G. Smith, Lt. Governor Wagemaker, G. W. Gordon and Cerelio Maduro will be heard.

Thereafter no time will be lost in inaugurating the sports function of the park. A soccer game will conclude the program, with L. G. Smith kicking the first ball. The players will be an all-star group of employees chosen for their football skill.

The Lago Sport Park, provided by the Company, will fulfill a long-felt need for a single locality which will be available for the sports activities of all employees. Its beginnings will be simple, and its facilities will be enlarged or developed as it becomes evident that the needs and interests of the employees justify it.

Employees will share in the conduct

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George W. Gordon, President of Lago Oil & Transport Company, Visits Aruba

G. W. Gordon, accompanied by Mrs. Gordon, arrived February 20 for his annual inspection trip to the Aruba refinery and other plants in this area.

Mr. Gordon, in addition to his position as President of the Lago Oil & Transport Company, Ltd., is general manager of all foreign manufacturing operations of the Standard Oil Company (N.J.), and is an officer in several foreign subsidiaries.

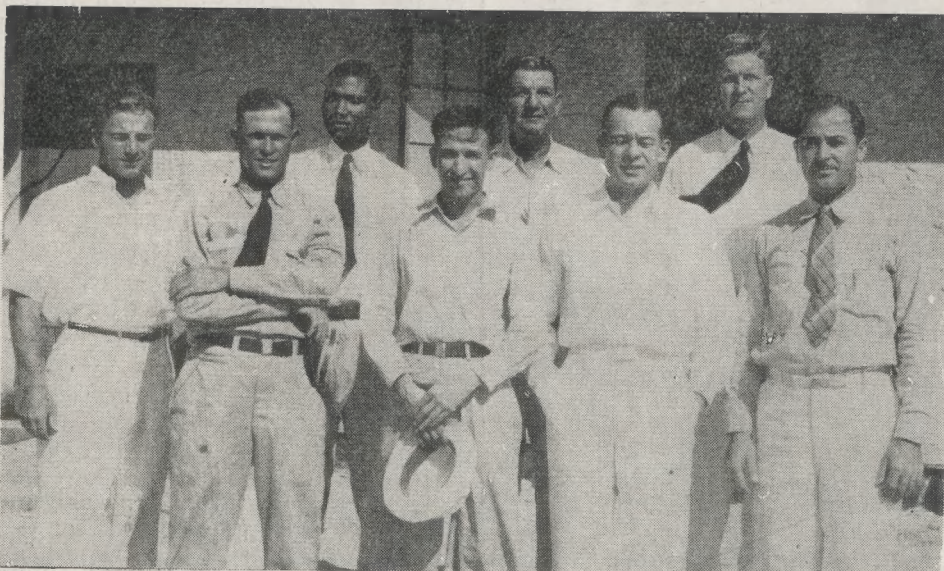
The community is always glad to welcome the Gordons, who take a keen interest in all things pertaining to Aruba.

Manejadornan Prudente ta Ricibi Fls. 890. Ademas 38 Empleado ta Haya Medalla di 1 i 2 Aña Pa Bon Record

Manejamento prudente, puntualidad na trabao, i bon cuida di nan vehiculonan a gana Fls. 10 pa cada un di 89 manejadornan di vehiculos, ora e premionan di kwartaal a worde entregá na participantenan den e Concurso pa Manejamento di Vehiculos Liber di Desgracia dia 10, 11 i 12 di Februari. Ademas, 38 manejador di vehiculos e gana medalla meritoria pa 1 i 2 aña di trabao cu nan vehiculos liber di desgracia.

E premionan cu ta representa reconocimiento di bon trabao durante e ultimo kwartaal di 1940, a worde entregá durante reunionnan especial di e diferente departamentonan envolví. E diferente formannan a papia brevemente ariba seguridad en conexión cu trabao cu vehiculos di motor i tambe ariba e objeto i beneficianan di e concurso, despues di cual un total di Fls. 890 a worde repartí entre 89 di e participantenan.

Ademas di e premionan na placa, 30 homber a gana medalla pa dos aña, i 8 homber a gana medalla pa un aña di trabao cu vehiculos di motor liber di desgracia.



Shown above are members of the Lago Sport Park Committee, who are now making final arrangements for the official opening of the field March 9. Left to right, Robert Vint, Mario Croes, Harold Brereton, Cerelio Maduro, Jim Bluejacket, Neil Spigt, Joseph Getts, and Ronald Engle.

Drivers Get Fls. 890 For Safety Records

38 Employees Also Get 1 and 2 Year Badges For Good Records

Safe driving, punctuality, attendance and general care of their automobiles earned Fls. 10 for each of 89 and merit badges for 38 car and truck drivers recently when the quarterly awards in the safe driving contest were made February 10, 11, and 12.

The awards, recognizing performance during the fourth quarter of 1940, were made at individual departmental meetings. Brief talks were made on the subjects of safety in handling the vehicles, and the purpose and benefits of the contest, after which a total of Fls. 890 was distributed to 89 of the drivers.

In addition to the cash prizes, 30 men were awarded badges for two years of



Shown above is a reproduction of the two-year safe driving badge received recently by 30 employees.

safe driving, and eight men received one-year badges. These are now being engraved with the owners' names, and will be given to the winners at an early date.

Those who received one-year badges are:

Maximo Ridderstap	Clean Out
Hendrik Helmen	Commissary
Calixtra Songui	Garage
Reymundo Koolman	Labor
Hilario Erasmo	"
Dionisio Wever	"
Dominico Wernet	"
Moises F. Bienvenu	Marine

Those who received two-year badges

Operating Dept. Sponsors Process Training Course

Ninety men began a course of study in Cracking Plant theory and practice and related problems early this month. The new course, similar to that presented by the Training Division two years ago, will be directed by the Operating department.

Divided into two classes, it will consist of a series of nine lectures presented by men from the Process and Technical Service departments. Those acting as instructors in the course are Paul O'Brien, Lewis MacNutt, Lawrence Brewer, Hans Lang, Donald Stevens, Ralph Deeds, Robert Shirkliff, and Louis Lopez.

Air Raid Protection Show To Be Held in Oranjestad

The Government of Aruba will sponsor an air raid protection show March 12, 13, and 14, at the club opposite the Maria Convent in Oranjestad.

Displays will be divided into eight instructive divisions, of which "Fire Extinguishing Service" and "The Red Cross" will be the principal exhibits. Instructors will give explanations at each stand.

It is planned to repeat the show in San Nicolas during the latter part of March.

are:

James Hart	Colony Maint.
Rafael Bryson	" "
James Richardson	Colony Service
Tito Angela	Dining Hall
Reymundo Wellman	Electrical
Heliodore Leonce	Engineering
Donald Hillocks	Instrument
Edwin McFurson	Labor
Gregorio Stamper	"
Bruno Lampe	"
Jan S. Croes	"
Leonardo Rasmijn	"
Bruno Arends	"
George J. Busby	"
Frans Koolman	"
Lorenzo Croes	"
Johan Lopez	"
Jan N. Werleman	"
Clellan Thompson	"
Plino Kock	"
Hendrik Croes	"
Hildo Croes	"
Cipriano Croes	Laundry
Eugenio Koolman	Marine
Ruperto Angela	"
Juan S. Croes	Medical
Joseph Gibson	"
Marie F. M. Fortin	Personnel
Marcello Ruiz	Storehouse
Vincente Croes	Watching

Biografía Cortico

Durante hopi año e interesnan principal di Mario Croes tawata consisti den maneja e bus di Compania i organiza i participa den varios ramonan di deporte. Awor e no ta maneja e bus mas, siendocu e a worde duná otro trabao den e departamento di Colony Service, pero ainda e ta sigui ta interesá den tursoorto di deporte.

Mario, nací ariba Aruba na año 1910, a pasa henter su bida aki cu excepcion



Mario Croes

di algun biaha cu e haci na Curaçao, Bonaire i Colombia. E a cuminsa participa den deporte cu e edad di 12 año. Na 1923 e a bira president di e club di voetbal di Santa Cruz conoci bao e nomber di "Trappers", cual club ainda ta existi bao e nomber ey. Ocho año despues e a laga Trappers, ora e a bin biba na San Nicolas i na año 1934 e a bira president di San Nicolas Jrs., cual club a gana tres copa durante 1937 i 1938, i na año 1938 a gana e campeonato di Aruba.

Durante 1938 Mario a organiza un di e prome equiponan di baseball apart di e liga di Lago, i a yam'e "El Capitan", pa e bien conocido kerosene di Lago cu e nomber ey. E equipo di baseball a gana e campeonato di Aruba tur año desde cu e worde organizá. Año pasá El Capitan a cuminsa hunga softball, i e año aki nan tin idea di cuminsa cu basketball.

Mario ta president di "Unidos" tambe, un club cu ta mantene tres equipo di voetbal di acuerdo cu experiencia i edad di e hungadornan.

Mario a worde empleá na e Compania aki na Februari, 1931, como chofer di truck den departamento di Labor. Despues e a bira chofer di e bus di Compania i durante ocho año cu e a traha e trabao ey e a mantene un excelente record di seguridad. Tempo e servicio di e bus a worde pasá over na un organización fuera di Compania, Mario a bira checker na Furniture Warehouse.

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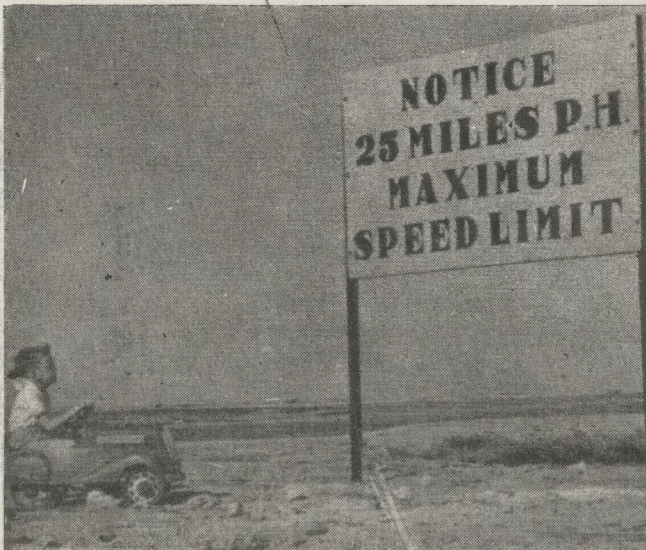
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The next issue of the ARUBA ESSO NEWS will be distributed Friday, March 14. All copy must reach the editor in the Personnel building by noon, March 8.

EIGHT-TENTHS OF A MILE — 58 SECONDS

Most persons have a reason for what they do. They work because work is necessary to make a living. They visit a dentist because they need his services. They go to a movie or read a book or kick a soccer ball because they find enjoyment in these things. They may merely sit motionless and unoccupied, but still there is a reason, either that they have nothing else to do or that they seek relaxation and rest.

Few things we do are utterly aimless and without a reason of any sort. Speeding ranks first in this classification, and the paved road from the Garage to the



MAXIMUM SPEED 25 MILES PER HOUR. "And a good rule", says the small driver. "If the big driver in the big car will follow it as well as I do, he and I will both stay healthy and safe".

LIMITE DI VELOCIDAD 25 MILLA PA ORA. "I un bon regla", e chofer chikito ta bisa. „Si e chofer grandi den e vehiculo grandi sigui'e mescos cu ami ta haci, e i ami, tur dos lo keda salú i bon".

Hospital sees more aimless speeding than any local road that can be named.

The distance on this road is exactly eight-tenths of a mile. Driven at the maximum allowable speed of 25 miles per hour it can be covered in one minute and 55 seconds. A car going 30 miles per hour covers the distance in one minute and 36 seconds. Boosting the speed ten miles over the speed limit cuts the time to one minute and 22 seconds. That is a saving of 33 seconds. Forty miles an hour will get you there in one minute and 12 seconds, and 45 does it in one minute and

four seconds.

The greatest saving we have calculated is that at 50 miles an hour, or double the speed limit. At 50 the time consumed is 57 seconds. A breakneck speed of 50 over a road that is lined with houses for half its distance and has many children playing near it will save the driver exactly 58 seconds, or less than one minute.

Each day contains 1440 minutes, and the saving of just one of those minutes is a pretty inconsequential matter. Most drivers use this road either to go to lunch or to visit a sick friend in the Hospital. The lunch can wait a minute, and the sick friend isn't going anywhere in a hurry.

The next time our readers feel the urge to push the gas-pedal to the floor on this or any other road, we suggest they meditate for a moment on their expected saving of 58 seconds.

OCHO DÉCIMA PARTI DI UN MILLA — 58 SECONDE

Mayor parti di hendenan tin un motibo pa loque nan haci. Nan ta traha pasobra ta necesario pa traha pa por piba. Nan ta bai seca un dentista pasobra nan tin mester di su servicio. Nan ta bai cine of lesa un boeki of schop un bala pasobra nan ta goza den haci esey. Por ta cu nan ta sinta ketu, sin move nan mes, sin ta haci nada, pero toch tin un motibo p'esey, of nan no tin nada otro pa haci of nan ta busca descanso.

Poco ta e cosnan cu nos ta haci sin un propósito, sin un motibo of otro. Corremento di automobiel cu gran velocidad ta un di e prome cosnan cu ta cai boa e clasificación aki, i ariba e camina nobo fo'i Garage pa Hospital tin mas corremento duro sin ningun propósito cu ariba ningun otro camina localmente.

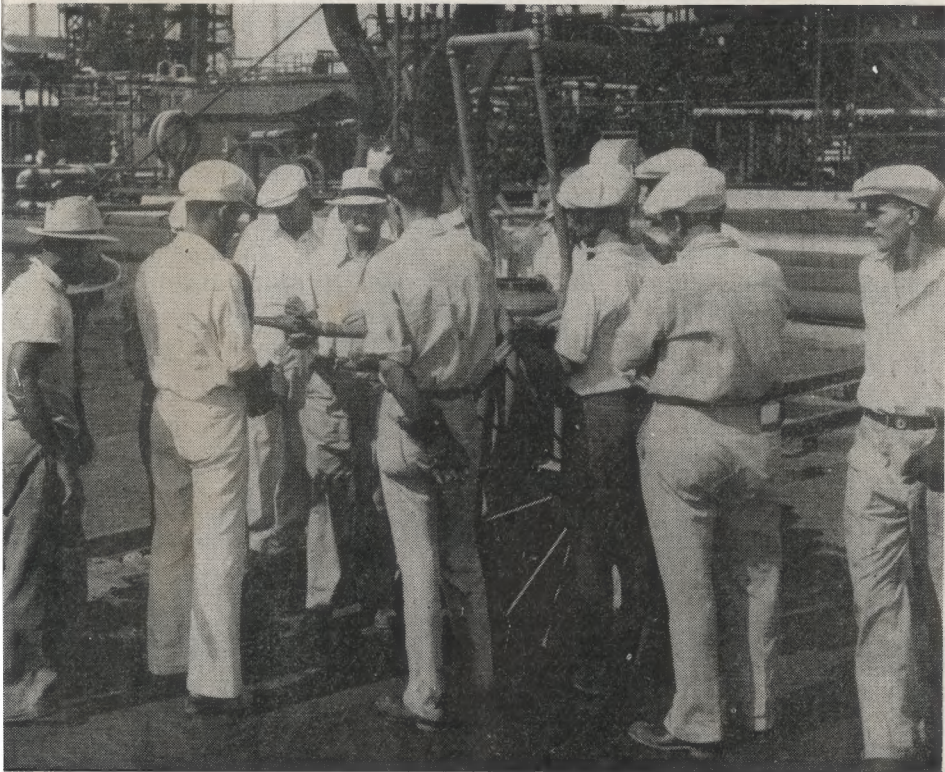
E largura di e camina aki ta exactamente ocho-décima parti di un milla. Cu e velocidad permitible di 25 milla pa ora, e por worde corré den un minuut i 55 seconde. Un automobiel corriende cu un velocidad di 30 milla pa ora ta cubri e distancia den un minuut i 36 seconde. Hisando e velocidad diez milla over di e límite di velocidad, e tempo necesario pa cubri e distancia ta worde reducí na un minuut i 22 seconde. Esey ta representa 33 seconde gespaar! Cu un velocidad di cuarenta milla pa ora bo ta cubri e distancia den un minuut i 12 seconde, i cu un velocidad di 45 milla den un minuut i cuater seconde.

E spaarmento di mas grandi cu nos a calculá ta cu un velocidad di 50 milla pa ora, of dos vez e límite di velocidad. Corriendo pa 50 milla pa ora, e distancia por worde cubrí den 57 seconde. Un velocidad absurdo di 50 milla ariba un camina cu cas na cada banda pa mas o menos mitar di su largura, cu hopi mucha hungando den su cercania, lo spaar e manejador exactamente 58 seconde, of menos cu un minuut di tempo.

Un dia ta contene 1440 minuut, i spaarmento di solamente un di e minuutnan ey ta un asunto di masja poco importancia. Mayor parti di e hendenan cu ta usa e camina aki ta haci esey sea pa bai cas pa come of pa bai bishita un enfermo den Hospital. E cuminda sigur por spera un minuut, i e enfermo no ta bai ningun luga cu apuro.

E proximo biaha cu nos lectornan ta sinti e deseo di pusja e pedal di gasolin baha ta na vloer, sea ariba e camina aki of cualquier otro camina, laga nan pensa pa un momento ariba e 58 seconde di tempo cu nan ta spera di spaar.

SNAP NEWS

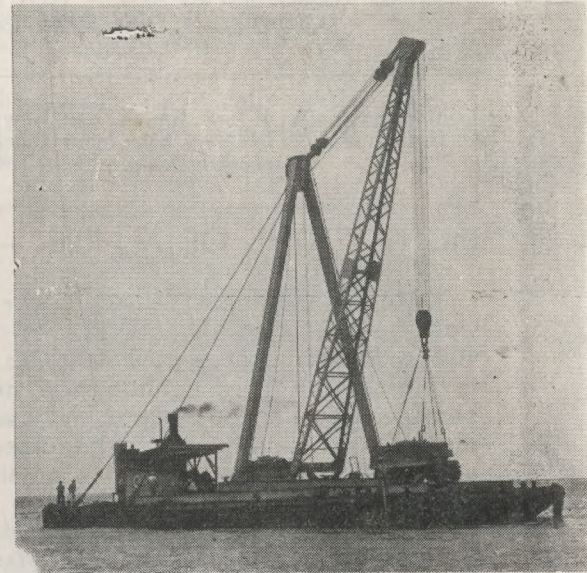
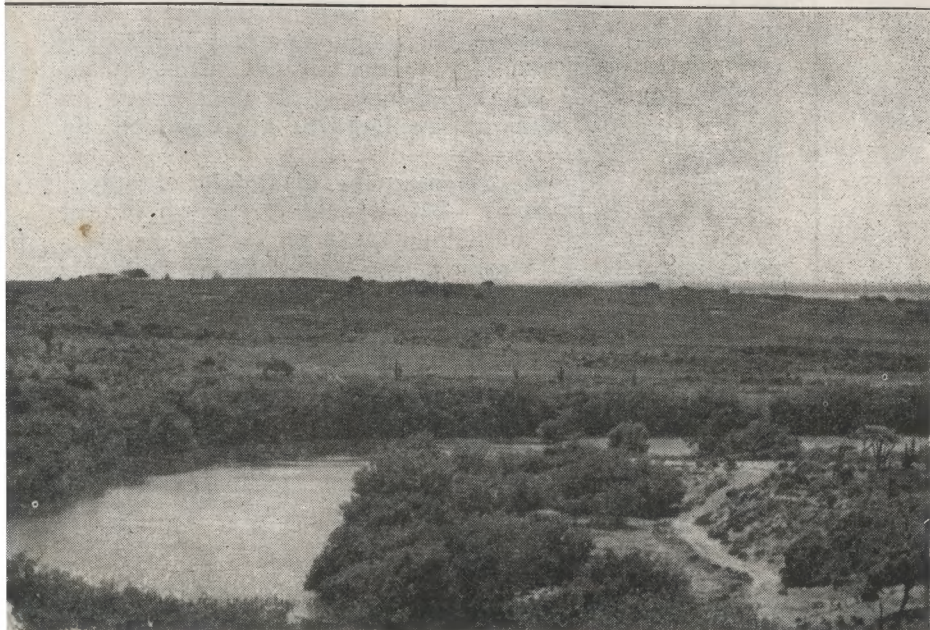


Pressure Still employees look on with intent interest as Fire Marshal Leroy Hughes explains the mechanics of a portable foamite engine.

pleadonan di Pressure Stills ta paga bon atención mientras Leroy Hughes, Jefe di e Departamento di Candela, ta splica con un máquina di foamite portatil ta traha.

the water shown here is not a deep and fast-flowing river, but a section of Spanish Lagoon well inland from the place where it connects with the sea.

e awa 'ki no ta un rio hundu, rápido, pero un parti di Spaansch Lagoen den tera, leuw fo'i lamá.



A bull-dozer tractor is formidable on the ground, but in the grip of this mighty derrick it looks like a child's toy.

Un tractor "bull dozer" ta formidable ariba tera, pero den garra di e grua poderoso aki e ta parce un co'l hunga di mucha.

Lovely Marlene Dietrich portrays a belle of the South Seas in Universal's "Seven Sinners".



U.S. A. Short Wave Programs Beamed on South America

Note: For the convenience of those readers who wish to tune their radios to United States stations, the following tabulation is presented, showing hour, station, and where to find them on the bands:

ARUBA TIME	STATION	MCS.	METERS
Columbia System — N.Y. City			
7 P.M. — 11:30 P.M.	WCBX	11.83	25.3
12 Mdnt. — 1:30 A.M.	"	6.17	48.6
Cros'ey Corp. — Cincinnati			
8:30 A.M.—5:30 P.M.	WLWO	15.25	19.6
5:30 — 8:30 P.M.	"	11.71	25.6
8:30 P.M. — 1:30 A.M.	"	9.59	31.3
Gen'l Electric — Schenectady			
8:30 — 11:30 A.M.	WGEA	21.30	13.9
11:45 A.M.—6:30 P.M.	"	15.33	19.5
6:45 P.M.—9:45 P.M.	"	9.55	31.4
3:30 P.M.—12:30 A.M.	WGEO	9.53	31.4
Gen'l Electric — San Francisco			
7 P.M. — 11:45 P.M.	KGEI	15.33	19.6
NBC — N.Y. City			
4:30 P.M. — 1:30 A.M.	WRCA	9.67	31.02
4:30 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.	WNBI	17.28	16.8
WCAU Broadcasting — Philadelphia			
12:35 P.M.—5:30 P.M.	WCAB	15.27	19.6

MINUTE BIOGRAPHY

For many years the chief interests of Mario Croes were driving the Colony bus and promoting and participating in sports. He no longer drives the bus, having taken a new job in the Colony Service department, but his interest in sports of all kinds continues.

Mario, who was born in Aruba in 1910 and has been here all his life except for trips to Bonaire, Curaçao, and Colombia, first took up sport when he was 12 years old. In 1923 he became president of the Santa Cruz soccer team known as "Trappers", which still operates under that name. Eight years later he left the Trappers when he came to San Nicolas to live, and in 1934 he became president of the San Nicolas Juniors, which won three cups during the 1937 and 1938 seasons, and in 1938 won the championship of Aruba.

In 1938 Mario started one of the first baseball teams outside of the Lago league, naming it "El Capitan", after the well-known Company trade mark. This team has taken the championship every year since it was organized. Last year the El Capitan group branched out into softball, and this year it plans to take up basketball.

Also under Mario's presidency is

SCHEDULE OF PAYDAYS 1941

Note: Various changes have been made in the payday schedule printed in the Aruba Esso News January 17. The entire schedule is reproduced below, with the changes indicated by boldface type.

SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLLS				MONTHLY-PAYROLLS					
PERIOD	PAY DAYS		PERIOD	PAY DAYS					
January	1—15	Thursday	January	23	January	1—31	Monday	February	10
	16—31	Saturday	February	8					
February	1—15	Saturday	February	22	February	1—28	Monday	March	10
	16—28	Friday	March	7					
March	1—15	Friday	March	21	March	1—31	Wednesd.	April	9
	16—31	Tuesday	April	8					
April	1—15	Wednesd.	April	23	April	1—30	Friday	May	9
	16—30	Thursday	May	8					
May	1—15	Friday	May	23	May	1—31	Tuesday	June	10
	16—31	Monday	June	9					
June	1—15	Monday	June	23	June	1—30	Thursday	July	10
	16—30	Wednesd.	July	9					
July	1—15	Wednesd.	July	23	July	1—31	Saturday	August	9
	16—31	Friday	August	8					
August	1—15	Friday	August	22	August	1—31	Tuesday	September	9
	16—31	Monday	September	8					
September	1—15	Tuesday	September	23	September	1—30	Thursday	October	9
	16—30	Wednesd.	October	8					
October	1—15	Thursday	October	23	October	1—31	Monday	November	10
	16—31	Friday	November	7					
November	1—15	Friday	November	21	November	1—30	Tuesday	December	9
	16—30	Monday	December	8					
December	1—15	Tuesday	December	23	December	1—31	Saturday	January	10
	16—31	Friday	January	9					

PAY-OFF HOURS

Semi-monthly Payroll
Old Pay Office — 2:30 to 5 p.m.

NOTE: On day following payday, all Payrolls are handled at New Office, 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Monthly Payrolls

Old Pay Office (General works) New Office (Private Payroll) 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

"Unidos", a sport group which maintains three football teams of various degrees of experience and age.

Mario was first employed by the Company in February, 1931, as a truck driver in the Labor department. Following this he was driver of the Colony bus for nearly eight years, during which time he maintained an excellent safety record. When the bus service was taken over recently by private interests, he became checker at the Furniture Warehouse.

He is married, and has five children. Three of the children are girls, and two are boys. "Two more soccer players", says Mario Croes.

Esso Footballers Defeat British Sergeants' Team

The third match between the ESSO soccer club and the sergeants' team from the British camp ended two to one in favor of the Company team February 16.

The ESSO team's first goal was made by Benne before the game was one minute old. Later in the first half the British tied the score at one-all, but in the second half Jeronimus of Lago passed the soldiers' goalkeeper again, and no more scores were made.

The local team has won two of the three contests with this British squad, while a third game was a draw.

Aruba Produces Aloes For the World's Needs

From the period of Alexander the Great in 333 B. C. to modern medical practice in 1941 A. D. stretches the long history of aloes, and for over 50 years the most important part in that history has been played by Aruba, which, with an area less than that of Manhattan island, exports approximately 78 per cent of the total world's supply of aloes.

Although they are one of the oldest natural sources for medicinals, aloes are grown on a commercial scale in but few places besides Aruba. With the exception of several parts of western Africa, Venezuela, and the neighboring islands of Curaçao and Bonaire, which together produce the balance of world supply, they are grown commercially nowhere else in the world.

Before the present war began, three-fourths of Aruba's aloes were sold to manufacturers of pharmaceuticals in the United States, and the remainder was shipped to England and, in lesser quantities, to Europe. For many years prior to the first World War, aloes gum was often shipped in hollow gourds of various sizes containing from one to five pounds. Most of this trade was with the Balkan states, where farmers bought a gourd at a time, and fed the unrefined gum to their stock as a purgative. In addition to medicinal products, aloes yield picric, oxalic, and other acids.

An exchange exists for the sale and purchase of raw aloes gum and its refined derivative aloin much like those for other commodities in world commerce, and market prices fluctuate according to supply and demand. Over 595,000 pounds of the raw gum was exported from Aruba during 1937, destined principally for conversion to an ingredient for cathartics. Aloes gum in 1938 was quoted at a price ranging from 30 to 35 cents Dutch per pound, although it has been known to fall as low as six cents per pound due to bumper crops. In 1940 the price rose as high as 70 cents.

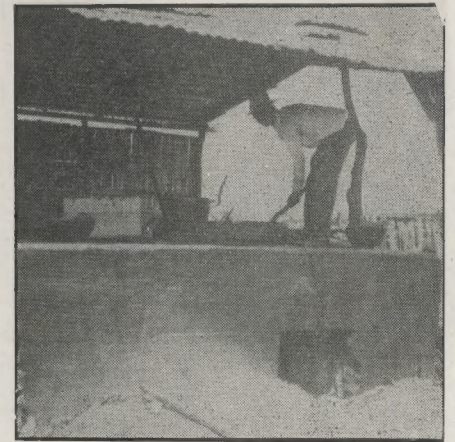
Aloes were first brought to Aruba in 1864 by Governor Ferguson. In the course of extensive travels, the Governor had seen the aloes industry in parts of Africa, and he observed that the climate there was similar to that in Aruba. He imported the first plants from the island of Socotora, on the west African coast, and cultivated them in an experimental garden on the outskirts of Oranjestad. This place still bears the name "Socotora".

Aruba's aloes (one of over 100 known

Aloes Harvest is Now in Progress



Shown above is the method of harvesting aloes. The plants are sliced off near the ground and placed cut-end down in a tilted wooden trough, allowing the juice to drain into a tin can at the lower end.



Shown at right is a typical furnace for boiling the water out of the juice. The workman is stirring one of the large copper pots.

species) have spread over much of the island almost solely from the natural propagation of the plants. The proper amount of tropic sunshine, cool nights, and intermittent rains during three months of the year combine to make them thrive, with little or no cultivation beyond periodic removal of moisture-absorbing weeds from the fields. They are ruggedly strong plants averaging 12 inches in height and growing in a cluster of thick, juice-filled leaves with sharp tips and spined edges. At long intervals flowers appear on the plants, but do not produce seeds for propagation, reproduction being effected by means of new plants sprouting from shoots put out at the bottom of the cluster.

During the harvest season, from March to October, the leaves are cut near the base of the plant. Care must be taken to cut them at an angle, as improper cutting results in the plant's dying. Placed cut end down in tilted

wooden troughs, the stalks exude their thick, strong-smelling juice, which is dripped from the lower end of the trough into a receptacle. Collected in the fields by boys on donkeys, this lemon-yellow juice is carried to a central shed where it is stored in large vats or drums. In early times the water content of the fresh juice was evaporated simply by pouring the liquid into large, shallow, open pans and allowing it to set. The present method is to speed up the process by boiling. After bits of leaves and dirt have settled out, the transparent liquid is poured into a great copper cauldron with a capacity of 40 to 50 gallons, and a wood fire is lighted under it. After 12 to 14 hours of continuous boiling and stirring it becomes pitch black and completely opaque.

It is then ladled into paper-lined boxes, and when cool is the consistency of warm asphalt. The boxes, weighing 125 pounds, are wrapped in burlap and cart-

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Dividends in Stamps

Webster defined a hobby as "a pursuit in which a person takes an extravagant or persistent interest". The hobby of philately (stamp collecting) satisfies both parts of the definition. Persistence is an indispensable asset in this pursuit, while extravagance is its luxurious companion.

A majority of collectors adopt the hobby at an early age. Constant barter, trade, or sale of stamps keeps the interest of the true collector at white heat. The large number of philatelic clubs, agents, and publications that cater to the avid appetites of the "stamp hounds" illustrates the extent of this exchange.

The investment made pays dividends in enjoyment (note the serene satisfaction of any collector as he pours over his albums), in the stories revealed by battle scenes, portraits, landscapes, and historical figures on the little scraps of colored paper, and occasionally in monetary returns.

Robert Baggaley, Chief Draftsman of the Engineering department, tells of having bought for five dollars, in 1929, a discarded album which he regarded as containing only "junk stamps", the sort every child's collection is made up of. Four years later he discovered in this album two copies of a Swedish stamp in which an error in color had been made. These two stamps are now valued in catalogues at \$ 1350 each.

Supply and demand control the prices of stamps. Thousands are printed in a single run, but few are in existence in a year, in 20 years, and these few, like old masterpieces, have value because of their rarity. The accompanying cut illustrates an unusual condition of stamp lore, of which Mr. Baggaley has two



specimens. The supply of one-cent stamps diminished to such an extent in 1918 that it was necessary to cut two-centers in half, using each piece as a one-cent stamp. These (if you could

George W. Gordon, President of Lago Oil & Transport Company, ta Bishita Aruba

G. W. Gordon, acompaña di Sra. Gordon, a yega aki dia 20 di Februari ariba su viaje di inspección anual na e refineria di Aruba i otro plantanan den e cercanía aki.

Sr. Gordon, fuera di su puesto di President di Lago Oil & Transport Company, Ltd., ta gerente general di tur refinerianan extranjero di Standard Oil Company (N.J.), i ta oficial di varios di e companianan subsidiario extranjero.

NEW ARRIVALS

A son, Errol Clifton, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Marquis, February 14.

A son, Luis Jimenes, to Mr. and Mrs. Timothes Panthophlet, February 14.

A son, Wilson Ivan Lenard, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gibson, February 15.

A son, Ralph Gary, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Osborn, February 18.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Wouters, February 20.

Employee Notes

Henry Richardson, of the Accounting department, returned February 12 after a vacation of two and a half months in St. Martin and Saba.

Oscar Lanyi, of the Colony Service department, was married on February 4 to Ellen K. Levy. The marriage took place in Maracaibo, where the couple honeymooned for a time before returning to Aruba.

Two weeks ago the ARUBA ESSO NEWS printed an article about an employee who had returned to his home after an absence of eight years. This week the editor's attention is called to a Receiving and Shipping department employee, Lawrence Rainy, who is now vacationing at his home in Trinidad after an absence of nearly 13 years. Mr. Rainy was employed in May, 1928. He left for Trinidad December 28, 1940, and is due to return to Aruba early in March.

find one) are now worth f 1, or an increase in value of 9900 per cent.

Many persons regard stamp-collecting as a remote, almost scholarly hobby that has no connection with realities. Most collectors, however, keep it in tune with everyday events. As an example, Mr. Baggaley's collection has a division containing only ship-cancellations from ships that have been sunk in the present war. The division now includes 32 such items, and is growing.

Lago Sport Park ta Habri dia 9 di Maart

Compania ta Destina Terreno Nobo Pa Tur Empleadonan

Empleadonan, representantenan di Gobierno i representantenan di directiva di Compania lo tuma parti Diadomingo atardi, 9 di Maart, ora Lago Sport Park, destiná pa uso di tur empleadonan di Compania, worde habri oficialmente.

E programa lo cuminsa pa 3'or di merdia, ora un procesión lo forma dilanti di Oficina di Watchman. Den esaki lo tuma parti entre otros, Gezaghebber I. Wagemaker, L. G. Smith, Gerente General di Compania, un grupo di Mariniers, e dos equiponan di voetbal cu lo hunga e prome wega ariba e terreno nobo, e Comité di Lago Sport Park, un grupo di watchmannan di Compania i varios equiponan di deporte bistí den nan uniform. Nan lo marcha door di San Nicolas bai na e terreno nobo cu ta situá mas o menos 300 yarda noord-oost di e Iglesia Católico na San Nicolas.

Un ceremonia adecuado di hisamento di bandera lo tuma-lugá tan pronto cu e procesión yega na e terreno. Despues di esey e terreno lo worde oficialmente dedicá, i speech lo worde tendí fo'i Sr. L. G. Smith, Gezaghebber Wagemaker i Cerilio Maduro. Inmediatamente despues di e dedicamento, weganan deportivo ariba e terreno lo worde inaugurá. E prome bala den un wega di voetbal cu lo termina e programa, lo worde geschop pa L. G. Smith. E hungadornan cu lo tuma parti den e wega aki lo worde escogí fo'i den e empleadonan pagando bon atención na nan conocemento di e wega.

Lago Sport Park lo yena un necesidad cu ya pa hopi tempo tawata worde sintí pa un terreno ariba cual tur empleadonan por tuma parti den varios ramos di deporte. Su principio lo ta simple i facilidadnan di e terreno lo worde aumentá segun bira evidente cu necesidadnan i interesnan di e empleadonan ta justifica tal.

E Comité di Lago Sport Park (mira portret) lo organiza actividadnan ariba e terreno pa asina grandi un grupo di empleadonan cu por ta posibel, i ta di spera cu competitie fuerte entre e diferente departamentonan lo desarolla pronto.

The Lago Heights basketball team, led by Captain José Geerman, defeated the Esso Juniors team, under Captain Horace Barrett, by a score of 21 to 5 February 19. Ivan Mendes, of the Acid Plant, was high scorer for the winners, netting six baskets.

S. O. Co. (N.J.) Ta Na Gabez Den Producción Di Lastik Artificial

Butyl, Trahá Fo'i Petroleo Lo Tin Hopi Uso Den Industria

Lastik artificial ta worde trahá awor na Merca door di Standard Oil Company (N.J.), usando materialnan crudo cu ta worde separá fo'i "butane", similar na loque ta worde hayá aki na Aruba pa medio di proceso di trabao na Hydro-Poly Plant.

Standard Oil Development Company, experimentando cu e productonan aki, a pone ariba mercado pa di prime vez na 1935 un producto, cual, mezlá cu azetanan di motor Esso, a haci e lubricantenan aki e nan di mihó calidad ariba mercado. Siguiendo cu nan trabao, un material conteniendo hopi factores característicos di lastik a worde producí i na 1940 un producto conocí bao nomber di lastik "Butyl" a worde anunciá como e producto di mas nobo i di mas valor ariba un lista largo di materialnan cu Standard Oil Company (N.J.) ta traha fo'i petroleo.

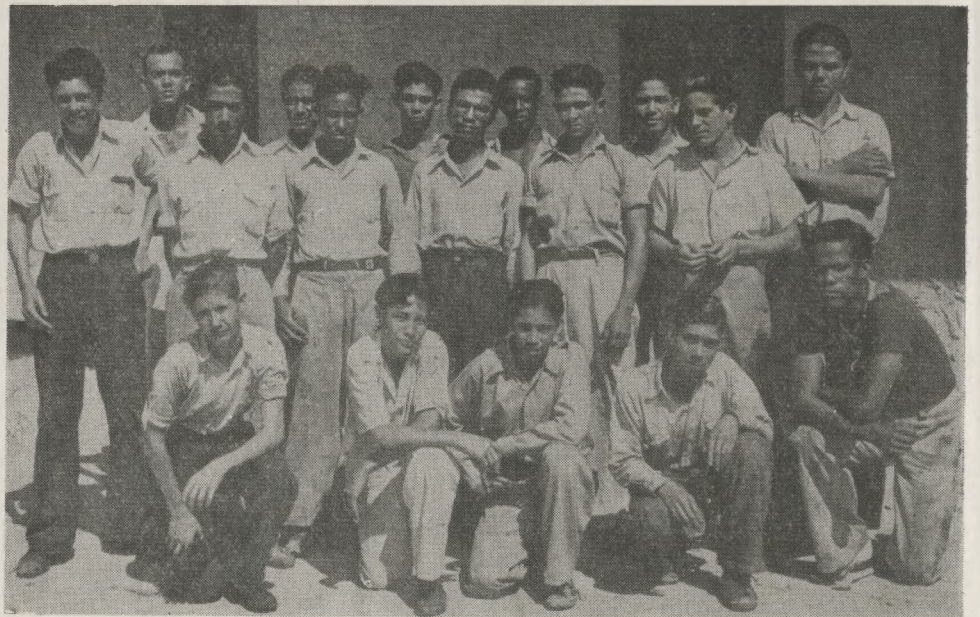
Butyl ta un material duro, sin olor, sin smaak, sin color, elástico, cu ta worde tratá mas o menos mescos cu lastik natural. Den hopi uso e producto aki ta superior na lastik natural. Hendenan cu ta biba den clima tropical lo nota especialmente cu e productonan Butyl no ta kraak of bira duro den solo manera articulonan trahá di lastik. Un factor di gran valor ta cu Butyl tin un resistencia grandi contra electricidad, i kabelnan bao awa insulá cu Butyl algun dia podise lo por bin conecta Aruba cu hopi otro paísnan.

Ainda nan ta experimentando cu trahamento di tire pa automobiel fo'i lastik Butyl.

A.V.V. Jong Holland Di Santa Cruz Ta Eligi Bestuur Nobo

Den e ultimo Reunion cu a tuma lugar Diavienes Januari 24 a keda nombra como bestuur di Club: Leonordo Croes, Receiving and Shipping, Precident; Francisco Croes, Cleanout, Vice Precident; Ismael Croes, Marine, Secretario; Juancito Lacle, Material Accounting, 2o Secretario; Tito Croes, Pressure Stills, Tesorero; Santiago Croes, Personnel, Capitan; Dominico Flemming, Acic' Plant, Comisario.

44 Boys Study in Apprentice Groups



The pictures above complete the series started in the last issue, showing the members of the apprentice course for Aruban boys. Included in the top picture are Christiaans, de Palm, G. Croes, Lacle, Feliciano, F. Ras, T. Ras, Semeleer, Tromp, Wever, and Yazagaray. At bottom are Arends, Commenencia, H. Oduber, A. Oduber, Peterson, Ranés, Schotborg, C. Thijsen, Winterdaal, Bomba, Dubero, M. Figoroa, Kerkboom, J. Ras, S. Stamper, and Servage.

Ta Paga Pa Bisti Bo Brillan



**President G. W. Gordon
Praises Aruba Personnel**

President G. W. Gordon, whose annual inspection visit is announced on page 1, spoke this week of his satisfaction with the conduct of Aruba operations.

Since his arrival February 20 he has visited many of the departments, and has complimented the personnel on the condition of the refinery and the efficiency of operations here. After an inspection of the new office building he praised it highly, saying that he considers it the best at any refinery in the world.

During the coming week Mr. Gordon and General Manager L. G. Smith will visit the refineries in La Salina and Caripito, Venezuela.

R. P. Russell, Executive Vice President of the Standard Oil Development Company, arrived in Aruba February 25 on a short business visit.

Two divisions of the Colony Service department tangled February 17 when men from the Stewards department and the Dining Hall played a football game at the San Nicolas Juniors' field. The score: Stewards, 2 — Dining Hall, 0.

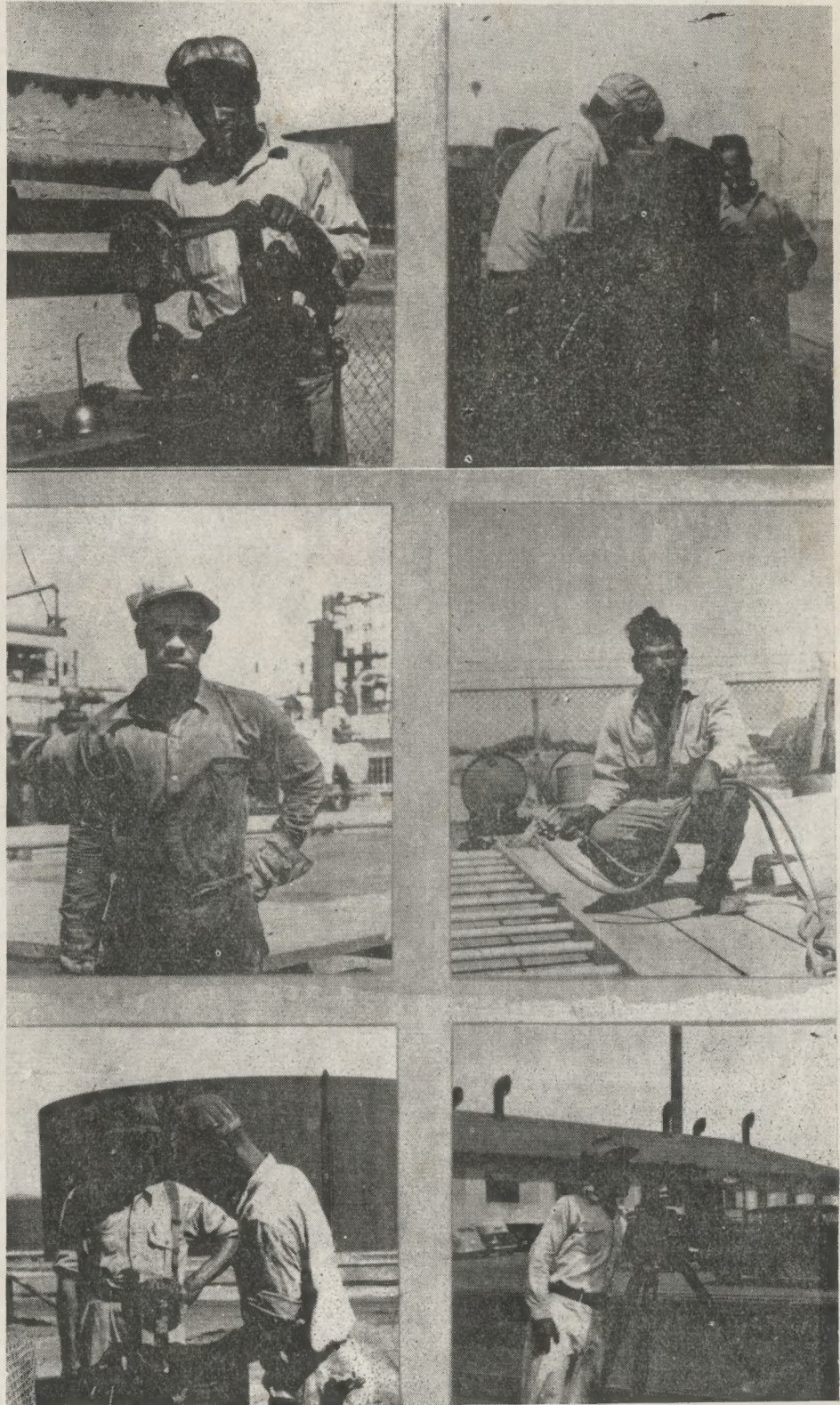
ARUBA'S ALOES *Cont. From Page 6*
ed to one of several dealers' warehouses in Oranjestad, where they await export by freighter.

An incidental result of the aloes industry is the scarcity of trees on the island. Many tons of wood are burned each year under the copper pots. Experts agree that there is much room for improvement in the method of producing the gum, and it has been proved that at least 20 percent of the juice available is lost each year through conditions that could be corrected.

Chemical analysis of aloes gums has shown an average aloin content of 18 to 20 percent for the variety produced in Aruba, as compared to 12 percent for other varieties, thus accounting for the preference shown in world markets for the local product. Many attempts have been made to find a chemical substitute for the properties peculiar to aloin in its major use as a cathartic, but none has yet been discovered. And Arubans hope that none ever will be found, since it would curtail the means of livelihood of families who for generations have worked in the aloes fields for a living.

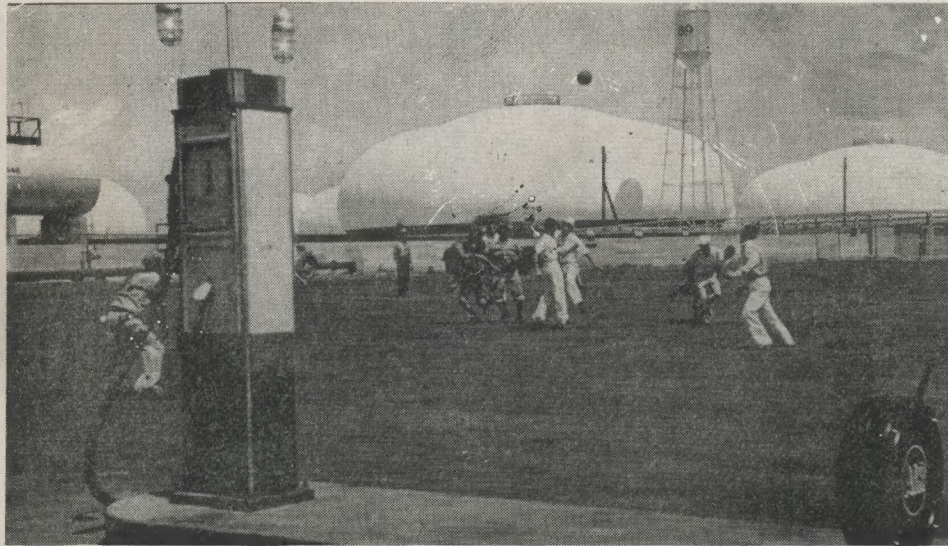
Fastest of birds is the duck hawk, which has been timed from an airplane at 180 miles an hour. For flashing starts, try ESSO gasoline.

MEN AT WORK



Left to right from top to bottom: Rudolph Milan, Powerhouse; Nicolas de Kort and Lionel Asin, Boiler; Edward Fanyter, Cleanout; Leonardo Boekhoudt, Colony Service; Theodore Vanderpool and Grevendt Fermand, Powerhouse; Frans Croes, T. S. D.

Garage Employees Eat and Play
Empleadonan di Garage na Wegá Durante Ora di Merdia



In the shadow of an Esso pump and the spheroids, Garage employees spend a large part of most lunch hours in one game or another. Using the large open space east of the Garage where trucks are parked at night, the men have played softball for several months.

The picture above, taken on February 14, shows their first lunch-hour soccer game, a fast free-for-all that had as much action as any league contest. Two garbage cans were the goals at one end of the field, and two large stones served the purpose at the other end. The spectators had a good viewpoint from the shade of the Garage.

The contest was called on account of the one o'clock whistle.

Den sombra di un Esso pomp i e spheroidnan, empleadonan di Garage ta pasa un gran parti di nan ora di merdia hungando un wega of otro. E trahadornan aki a hunga softball durante varios luna ariba e terreno grandi pariba di e Garage, unda e trucknan ta para anochi.

E pòrtret aki 'riba, sacá dia 14 di Februari, ta muestra nan prome wega di voetbal durante ora di merdia. Dos barí di basura tawata representa e goal na un banda di e terreno i dos piedra grandi a worde usá pa e mes propósito na e otro banda. E mironesnan, pará den sombra di e edificio, tawata contempla e wega.

E wega a stop pa motibo di e pito di un'or.

The electric eel can deliver a 600 volt charge 300 times a minute. For lighting starts, use ESSO gasoline.

Esso Voetbal Club Slaa
Eltal der British Forces

Zondag 16 Februari j.l. speelde het Esso elftal een schitterende wedstrijd tegen het sergeanten-elftal der British Forces. Nadat Esso mocht aftrappen wist hun voorhoede na een goede combinatie het eerste doelpunt te maken voordat er 1 minuut gespeeld was. Na goed spel van beide kanten, wisten de Britten de gelijkmaker te maken. Bij de rust stond het spel ! — 1.

Tien minuten na de rust trachtten de Engelschen door de ESSO achterhoede te breken, hetgeen hun echter niet gelukte doordat Esso eveneens flink aanpakte. 15 minuten na de rust wist Benne de bal weder voor Esso te bemachtigen en gaf de bal over naar Jeronimus, die de back der Britten wist te passeeren en het tweede doelpunt voor Esso maakte. Beide partijen leverden flink spel en Esso wist tot het einde toe de stand op 2 — 1 in hun voordeel te behouden.



Shown above is the Esso soccer team, a group of experienced players who never fail to give a good account of themselves on the field. Back row, left to right, Carl Egers, Bastiaan Meuldijk, Leo Benne, Arie van Oss, Piet Jeronimus, Bela Gabor, and William van Oyen. Front row, Martin Smit, Tony Smits, Gerard Smit, Hermanus Tielen, William Prins.

Soccer Results

February 16

Unidos Jrs.	6
Boy Scouts	0
Unidos 1st Class	0
San Nicolas Jrs.	1
<i>(This game has been protested and may be played again.)</i>	
Union	0
Frontera	2

Aruba Juniors	1
R.C.A.	2
Holandia	1
Volharding	0

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of the field through the Lago Sport Park Committee. (See picture) Activities will be organized for as large a group of employees as possible, and it is hoped that keen inter-departmental competition will be developed.